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COVER NOTE

4.3 Update on the Digital Europe Programme (DEP)

1. Issue at stake

The next Multi-Annual Financial Framework will include a new Digital Europe Programme which will focus on building the strategic digital capacities of the EU and on facilitating the wide deployment of digital technologies.

It is important that the eHealth Network is aware of the investments that will be carried under the DEP and their relevance to the Digital Transformation of Health and Care, and the development of an eHealth Data Space.

2. Summary

The Commission proposed Digital Europe, a new programme which will focus on building the strategic digital capacities of the EU and on facilitating the wide deployment of digital technologies. The Commission's proposed budget is €8.2 billion, and it is intended to shape and support the digital transformation of Europe's society and economy. It will invest in the infrastructure needed for all data spaces, sectoral data spaces (of which one is health), as well as supercomputing, artificial intelligence, and advanced digital skills.

The Commission has published [draft Orientations](#) for Digital Europe, which will shape the work programmes and calls for proposals for the programme's first two years (2021-2022). Between July and October 2019, a [consultation](#) was held to gather views on the Orientations, open to anyone with an interest in the digital transformation of Europe's economy and society.

The Commission is now preparing a first work programme, and is supported by a Member State Expert Group on Digital Europe.

3. Format of procedure in the meeting

For information